

Port of London) for determining the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots were confirmed by Her late Majesty.

And whereas the said Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond being a Pilotage Authority within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act have, under the powers conferred upon them by section five hundred and eighty-two of the said Act, made and submitted for the confirmation of His Majesty a certain bye-law in substitution for the regulation numbered three of the regulations referred to in the above-mentioned Order in Council dated the first day of May; one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

And whereas the said bye-law is set forth in the first schedule hereto and the said regulations as confirmed by the said Order in Council of the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five (which regulations are in the said bye-law expressed to be annexed thereto) are set forth in the second schedule hereto.

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the proposed new bye-law is proper and reasonable.

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Him by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to approve of and doth by this Order confirm the said bye-law as set forth in the first schedule hereto in substitution for the regulation numbered three of the Regulations referred to in the said Order in Council dated the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. *A. W. FitzRoy.*

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Bye-Law.

The third of the regulations confirmed by the Order in Council (annexed) (hereinafter called "the existing regulations") is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following regulations shall take effect, that is to say:—

1. No person except as hereinafter is excepted shall be licensed as a pilot for the London district (except Freemen of the Watermen's Company of London in the existing regulations referred to), or for the English Channel District who

(a) Shall not have served at sea for at least seven years, of which one year must have been in a square-rigged sailing vessel of not less than one hundred and fifty tons register in a capacity not lower than second mate and obtained a Board of Trade certificate of competency as master of a foreign going steam vessel; or

(b) Who shall not have served in the Trinity House Steam Vessel Service or some licensed pilot vessel for five years at least and one year additional on a square-rigged vessel of not less than one hundred and fifty tons register, in a capacity not lower than second mate and obtained a Board of Trade certificate of competency as first mate of a foreign going steam vessel.

No vessels shall be classed as square rigged sailing vessels for the purposes of this regulation except full rigged ships, barques, brigs, barquentines and brigantines.

Any person who at the date when this bye-law comes into force shall have already applied for a licence under the said existing regulations and shall satisfy the pilotage authority that he has at the same date already served as mate for not less than two out of the three years

required by the said existing regulations is excepted from the operation of this bye-law and shall be dealt with under the said existing regulations.

2. The said existing regulations (except so far as they apply only to freemen of the Watermen's Company of London) and also this bye-law shall apply to pilots applying to be licensed for the English Channel district or any part thereof in the same manner as if such last-mentioned district had been referred to in the said existing regulations.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of May, 1855.

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the 333rd section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that, subject to the provisions contained in the fifth part of the Act, it shall be lawful for every pilotage authority by bye-law, made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, amongst other things "to determine the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots," and "to fix the terms and conditions of granting licences to pilots."

And whereas it is expedient to make regulations to determine the qualifications to be required from persons so applying to be licensed, and to fix the terms and conditions of granting such licences.

"And whereas, by the 354th section of the said recited Act, it is enacted that the master of every ship carrying passengers between any place situate in the United Kingdom, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, and Man, and any other place so situate, when navigating upon any waters situate within the limits of any district for which pilots are licensed by any pilotage authority, under the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act, or upon any part thereof so situate, shall, unless he or his mate has a pilotage certificate enabling such master or mate to pilot the said ship within such district granted under the provisions of the said Act, or employ a qualified pilot to pilot his ship, and that if he fails to do so he shall for every offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds."

And whereas it has been made to appear to the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, being the pilotage authority for the Port of London, and the seas and channels leading thereto, according to the meaning of the said recited Act, that certain persons, freemen of London and of the Watermen's Company, have for a long period of time been employed in piloting steam passenger ships up and down the river Thames, between London Bridge and Gravesend, without being duly licensed as pilots by the said pilotage authority.

And whereas it has been resolved by the said Corporation of the Trinity House, that such a number of the said persons, being freemen of the said Watermen's Company, as the Corporation shall from time to time see fit, shall be licensed as pilots by the Corporation for the purpose of piloting "home trade" steam passenger ships up and down the River Thames between London Bridge and Gravesend.

And whereas it has been deemed expedient that the qualification to be required from such last-named persons, and the terms and conditions of granting licences to them should differ and be distinct from the qualification, terms and conditions which apply to the appointing and licensing of pilots for the general service within the said London district, and it is,